

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14, 15, 17-23 and 25-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 14 and 25 are independent claims. Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14, 15, 17-23 and 25-32 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has issued an election of inventions requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring election of one of two different claim groupings; invention I: claims 1-4 and 8-12; and invention II: claims 14, 15, 17-23 and 25-32. **Applicant's undersigned representative elects without traverse Examiner's invention II, comprising claims 14, 15, 17-23 and 25-32, for prosecution in the present application.** Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any non-elected claims, as well as any other claims supported by the specification, in one or more subsequent patent applications.

CONCLUSION

In the view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative.

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